



Bulletin

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Licensee Liability

A recent story from South Carolina should serve as a reminder of the responsibility and liability incurred by all alcoholic beverage licensees. A twenty year old woman, who is now a paraplegic due to injuries sustained in a drunk driving accident, has sued the bar where she was drinking for NOT checking her identification and preventing her from drinking. She has also sued the South Carolina Department of Transportation for not properly maintaining the road where the accident occurred. (See Article Attached)

When it comes to lawsuits, the eventual outcome is not always as important as the process itself, which can often end up bankrupting the party that has been sued.

Remember!!! Protect yourself and your business by making sure your employees are checking identification and controlling the amount of alcohol that your patrons consume. It seems unlikely this plaintiff will prevail in the lawsuit but the business will have to defend itself in court.

New Delaware Driver's Licenses

The Harford County Liquor Board has received samples of the new Delaware driver's licenses. Our inspectors will be bringing them to all licensees for training as time permits. While the format is similar to the old style license the security features have been enhanced. There have not yet been any fake Delaware licenses confiscated in Harford County but the police in Howard and Montgomery County have reported them in those jurisdictions. If you are seeing a lot of Delaware licenses please contact the Board office and we will try to get inspectors to you as soon as possible.

2012 license renewal applications will be mailed to all licensees before the end of January

Underage Frequent Flier

The Dark Horse Tavern recently confiscated a third false identification from Meghan Elizabeth Stanley, twenty years old from Bel Air, MD. The doormen noticed she was attempting to enter the business with a driver's license issued to someone else and recognized her from two prior attempts. She was previously caught at Dark Horse with a fake Maryland ID (see attachment) and with another switched ID. She was apprehended and charged by Cpl. Henry Marchesani of the Bel Air Police Department. Congratulations to Gina and the Dark Horse staff.

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